

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, and 27 are presently pending and stand rejected. Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 4, 13-14, 17, 20, 21 and 25 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 12, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from the combination of IBM Technical Disclosure #NN8812461 ("IBM") in view of Copeland. Claims 1 and 12 include, among other limitations, "concatenating audio data onto said at least one color component". Claim 22 includes, among other limitations, "concatenating audio data onto said at least one of said plurality of color components".

Examiner has indicated that "IBM/Copeland does not explicitly recite 'audio'". However, "XP-002202474, which evidences the concept of linking/concatenating the audio with video in a DVI link system" and that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify IBM/Copeland ... by XP-002202474".

Although XP-002202474 states "Silicon image first to couple digital audio and video on the DVI link", the reference does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed, and clearly does not teach enable any person skilled in the art to make and use "concatenating audio data onto said at least one color component". Accordingly, Assignee traverses, and Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection to claims 1, 12, and 22, as well as to dependent claims 2, 3, 5-11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, and 27.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and Examiner is requested to pass the case for issuance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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